

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** April 24, 2008

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 5:31 p.m.

**ADJOURNED:** 5:53 p.m.

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### ATTENDING MEMBERS

Benjamin Hunter, Chairman  
Ginny Cain  
Dane Mahern  
Angela Mansfield  
Janice McHenry  
Mary Moriarty Adams  
Christine Scales  
Mike Speedy

#### ABSENT MEMBERS

Cherrish Pryor

### **AGENDA**

PROPOSAL NO. 173, 2008- appoints Kenneth Hughes to the Marion County Stormwater Management Technical Advisory Committee  
"Do Pass" Vote 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 174, 2008- authorizes a bus zone on the west side of Pennsylvania Street from a point 119 feet south of Washington Street to Washington Street (District 19)  
"Do Pass" Vote 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 175, 2008- authorizes intersection controls in the Lakeside Manor West Subdivision, Section One (District 7)  
"Do Pass" Vote 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 176, 2008- authorizes a multi-way stop at the intersection of Gilbert Avenue and Walcott Street (District 24)  
"Do Pass" Vote 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 177, 2008 -deletes the parking restrictions on the west side of Capitol Avenue and adds two-hour meters (District 19)  
"Do Pass" Vote 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 178, 2008 -authorizes intersection controls in the Whitaker Valley subdivision (District 24)  
"Do Pass" Vote 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 179, 2008- authorizes intersection controls in the Lawrence Lakes subdivision, Section 4 (District 18)

"Do Pass"

Vote 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 180, 2008- authorizes intersection controls in the Autumn Creek Subdivision, Sections One and Two (District 18)

"Do Pass"

Vote 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 181, 2008- authorizes intersection controls in Producers Industrial Park (District 10)

"Do Pass"

Vote 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 182, 2008- authorizes intersection controls at Rural Street and Sumner Avenue (District 20)

"Do Pass"

Vote 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 183, 2008- authorizes intersection controls in Brokenburr (District 20)

"Do Pass"

Vote 8-0

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

The Public Works Committee of the City-County Council met on Thursday, April 24, 2008. Chairman Benjamin Hunter called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. with the following members present: Ginny Cain, Dane Mahern, Angela Mansfield, Mary Moriarty Adams, Christine Scales and Mike Speedy. Janice McHenry arrived shortly thereafter. Cherrish Pryor was absent.

PROPOSAL NO. 173, 2008- appoints Kenneth Hughes to the Marion County Stormwater Management Technical Advisory Committee

Mr. Hughes said that he was born and raised on the east side. He went to Arsenal Technical High School, and Elementary School No. 68. He said that he mentions School No. 68 because it is being closed this year, and there will be a reunion of all classes this Saturday. He went to Westpoint, served 20 years in the army, and returned to Indianapolis. He worked at Lilly for 13 years, Wellpoint for four years, and now he is officially retired.

{Clerks Note: Councillor McHenry arrived at 5:32 p.m.}

Mr. Hughes said that he is married, has four children, and five grandchildren, one of which was born yesterday. He said he served on the Board of Public Works for 13 years, and enjoyed serving.

Councillor Scales asked based on his prior service and knowledge of the current city and infrastructure needs, if Mr. Hughes could explain how he would solve some of the challenges that the city is facing. Mr. Hughes said that a board member's responsibility is to support the city, represent the citizens, and support the staff. In the past, he has worked with a great staff. He recently had the opportunity to meet with a couple of the people that he served with before. He said it comes down to prioritization, listening, communicating, and determining how scarce resources can best be applied to meet the needs of city. Mr. Hughes said that he had a particular interest with Barrett Law when he was on the board, and he understands that the law has been changed. Now there are more opportunities to provide sewers to more of the neighborhoods.

Councillor Moriarty Adams asked Mr. Hughes when did he serve on the Public Works Board. He said he served from 1990 until the early 2000's. He had a one year gap when the Mayoral office turned over and was then appointed by the City- County Council. He said the City County Council changed parties also. Councillor Moriarty Adams said that she is glad to know that he lives on the east side. Mr. Hughes said that he remembers working on the residence parking issue near Scecina High School when he was a board member. Councillor Moriarty Adams said that she had that same problem when Community Hospital East expanded their garage. She said she remembers going before the Public Works Board to have residential permit parking installed. They finally asked for perimeters from Emerson Avenue to Ritter Avenue.

She said after much effort, the Public Works Board finally put in residential permit parking. Chair Hunter said Mr. Hughes had quite and impressive resume.

Councillor Cain moved, seconded by Councillor Moriarty Adams to send Proposal No. 173, 2008 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

Mr. Nathan Sheets, Senior Planner, Department of Public Works read the proposals and their descriptions, and stated that he would be happy to answer any questions.

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Councillor Speedy asked if the point described in Proposal No. 174, 2008 is the center line, or the edge of the right- of- way. Mr. Sheets said it is actually measured from the closest edge of traveled roadway, which would be from the curb to the south. Councillor Speedy asked if all the intersection controls are presumably yield signs, stops, or both. Mr. Sheets said that all of them are some type of stop control, whether it is a multi-way stop or a two-way stop. He said that the majority, with the exception of Proposal No. 176, 2008 and Proposal No. 182, 2008 are where they are establish intersection controls in new subdivisions that they have recently been accepted. He said Proposal

No. 176, 2008 authorizes a multi-way stop, and Proposal No. 182, 2008 is establishes intersection control.

Councillor Speedy asked about Proposal No. 177, 2008. He asked if there is currently no parking allowed. Mr. Sheets answered in the affirmative. Councillor Speedy asked if there was any net loss in revenue, and Mr. Sheets answered in the negative.

Councillor Mansfield said that she has received calls from constituents regarding traffic coming from the north during rush hour. She asked how the city handles tough areas such as this. Mr. Sheets said that DPW has a document they refer to as the Thoroughfare Plan which looks at roadways. It considers growth and vacant land all around Marion County, and conducts a cost benefit analysis to determine the most important tasks. The document is updated every couple of years. Mr. Sheets said for specific locations, they can examine alternatives to roadway widening. He said if it is a corridor that has a lot of traffic signals, they can look at signal timings and perhaps adjust them. He said they are limited to what they can do, and some Marion County residents resent feeling that people are cutting through their neighborhood. He said they would review specific locations. Councillor Mansfield asked if the plan is available on the internet. Mr. Sheets said that he believes the Thoroughfare Plan is on the Department of Metropolitan Development's (DMD) website.

Councillor Cain asked if the document was large, and requested a copy be sent to each Councillor. Mr. Sheets said it is approximately 30 pages. Chair Hunter said that he failed to ask for consent to take Proposal No.s 174-183, 2008 all together. Consent was given. Councillor Mansfield moved, seconded by Councillor Moriarty Adams to send Proposals 174-183, 2008 to the full Council with a "Do-Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

Chair Hunter asked Michael Rogers, Council Liaison for DPW to resend the list of projects to the Councillors, as not all received it. Mr. Rogers said the list has been sporadically in a variety of outlets. He said that every Councillor will receive the entire list soon. Councillor Mansfield asked if he could send that information electronically. Mr. Rogers answered in the affirmative.

Councillor Scales asked Mr. Rogers how much money has been allocated for road resurfacing projects for the year. Mr. Larry Jones, Administrator of Transportation Engineering (DPW), said \$ 17 million dollars has been allocated for resurfacing. They planned the project in phases. The first phase will cost approximately \$ 11 million dollars. He said the Director is working on an additional appropriation for another \$ 3.5 million dollars, and that will leave about \$ 4 million dollars. Mr. Jones said that they are ready to go with as soon as funding has been confirmed. Mr. Jones said they intend to take bid for the first phase in May.

Councillor Moriarty-Adams said that she would like to be added as a co-sponsor to the additional appropriation, she would be happy to be apart of that, when and if it is prepared.

There being no further business, and upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Benjamin Hunter, Chairman

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